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SUBJECT: FRANCE INTERESTED IN INFORMAL CTBT MEETING

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(SBU) France would be interested in attending an informal meeting of Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) supporters on the margins of the September 24-25 CTBT Article XIV Conference, according to MFA nonproliferation officer Celine Jurgensen. France is in total agreement with the United States on the importance of the CTBT and the Article XIV Conference, which the GOF is co-hosting with Morocco. Jurgensen said French attendance at the proposed informal meeting would depend on scheduling issues, but added the French ambassador to their mission to Geneva may head the French delegation.
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